

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI  
Central Division

STEVEN M. PRYE, et al.,	)	
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Plaintiffs	)	
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v.	)	Case No. 2:04-cv-4248-ODS
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MATT BLUNT, et al.,	)	
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Defendants	)	
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**UNITED STATES' NOTICE OF INTERVENTION PURSUANT TO 28 U.S.C. 2403(a)**

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The United States respectfully exercises its right to intervene in this appeal pursuant to 28 U.S.C. 2403(a) to defend the constitutionality of the federal statute removing States' Eleventh Amendment immunity for private claims under Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, as applied to cases implicating voting.

In support of intervention, the United States provides the following information:

1. Section 2403(a) of Title 28 provides that "[i]n any action, suit or proceeding in a court of the United States to which the United States \* \* \* is not a party, wherein the constitutionality of any Act of Congress affecting the public interest is drawn in question, the court \* \* \* *shall permit the United States to intervene \* \* \* for argument on the question of constitutionality.*" (emphasis added). The United States has thus intervened in numerous cases to defend statutory provisions providing for the removal or the waiver of States' Eleventh Amendment immunity. See, e.g., *Bill M. v. Nebraska Dep't of Health & Human Servs.*, 408 F.3d 1096 (8th Cir. 2005), vacated and remanded, 2006 WL 985631 (S. Ct. Apr 17, 2006); *Jim C. v. Arkansas Dep't of*

*Educ.*, 235 F.3d 1079 (8th Cir. 2000) (en banc); *Doe v. Nebraska*, 345 F.3d 593 (8th Cir. 2003); *Okruhlik v. University of Ark.*, 255 F.3d 615 (8th Cir. 2001)

2. On April 14, 2006, this Court granted the United States' request to file a brief defending the constitutionality of Title II of the ADA within 45 days of May 1, 2006 – by June 15, 2006.

Wherefore, the United States respectfully intervenes in this appeal to defend the constitutionality of the provision abrogating Eleventh Amendment immunity for private claims under Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990.

Respectfully submitted,

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